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2. Match Factories - There was one factory in Riga, one in Liepaja (Libau). Both produced 79 million boxes for local consumption only.

3. Rubber Plants - There were three plants, all in Riga. In 1938 they used 789 tons of raw caoutchouc (imported raw rubber). They produced:

432,813 pairs -- galoshes - overshoes  
438,472 pairs -- boots  
867,073 pairs -- rubber shoes  
188,923 pieces -- cycle tires  
176,297 pieces -- cycle tubes  
90,076 meters -- rubber hose  
404,980 pairs -- rubber heels

and other products mostly for inland market.

4. Wax Cloth Production: 72,223 square meters

Impregnated textiles -- 30,715 square meters  
Dermatin -- 9,239 square meters

5. Soap and Candles - In 1938 there were 33 large soap factories, of which 30 were in Riga. These 33 factories produced in 1938:

2,919 tons ---Laundry soap  
825 tons -- soft soap  
267 tons -- toilet soap  
13 tons -- cosmetic soap  
14 tons -- medicinal soap

Six factories produced 281 tons candles.

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6. Vegetable Oils - Out of 14 largest plants, seven were in Riga. The 14 plants used in 1938:

11,043 tons linseed  
2,556 tons soya beans  
529 tons palm kernels  
1,667 tons copra

and produced:

	<u>Oil in Cakes</u>	<u>Oil in Bulk</u>
Linseed	7,458 tons	3,001 tons
Soybean	2,091 tons	402 tons
Palm	238 tons	236 tons
Copra	642 tons	375 tons

7. Fertilizers - Fertilizer production in 1938 was:

115,167 tons - super phosphate  
1,203 tons - Thomas phosphate  
1,994 tons - bone fertilizers

The 1,994 tons of bone fertilizer were produced in three plants in Riga out of 3,901 tons of bones (All Latvia produced about 16 to 20 thousand tons of bones.) Super phosphate was produced at the factory in Milgravis (Muhlgraben) near Riga.

Consumption of Fertilizers - Latvia - 1938 (tons)

Super Phosphate	119,675
Thomas flour	21,151
Thomas phosphate	1,203
Bone fertilizers	732
Potassium fertilizers	20,551
Nitro phosca	2,052
Chile and soda	
nitrates	6,223
Calcium nitrate	12,489
Ammonium nitrate	1,838
Ammonium sulphate	6,140

8. Compressed gases were produced in five factories:

Carbonic acid	180 tons
Oxygen	84 tons
Acytelene	16 tons

9. Casein was produced in one factory at Riga. 826 tons out of the 2,009 tons of new casein supplied by 90 dairies. The plywood plants used 960 tons of casein plus 16 tons imported casein. 82 tons of artificial horn were produced in 1938.

10. Consumption of Oil Refining Products - Latvia - 1938

	<u>Imported Products</u>	<u>Locally refined from imported crude</u>
Raw oil [crude]	10,310 tons	-
Kerosene	29,120	1,167
Gasoline	16,847	1,397
Motor oil		914
Gas oil	5,110	635
Mazout (diesel fuel)	266	528
Lubricants	2,006	3,536
Paraffine	352	

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11. Lacquer Industry - Three factories in Riga. One factory in Liepaja.  
Production in 1938 was:

Varnish	1,526 tons
Oil lacquer	82 tons
Nitro cellulose lacquer	61 tons

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